

could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Circuit, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). The reason for this is to ensure that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final.

Following the comment period on the draft environmental impact statement, comments will be analyzed, considered, and responded to by the Forest Service in preparing the final environmental impact statement. The final environmental impact statement is scheduled to be completed by July 1997.

The responsible official will consider the comments and responses; environmental consequences discussed in the environmental impact statement; and applicable laws, regulations and policies in making a decision regarding this proposal. The decision and reasons for the decision will be documented in the Record of Decision.

Daniel K. Chisholm, Forest Supervisor, Mendocino National Forest, is the responsible official.

Dated May 22, 1996.

Daniel K. Chisholm,
Forest Supervisor.

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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Designation for the Barton (KY) and North Dakota (ND) Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA announces the designation of J. W. Barton Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (Barton), and North Dakota Grain Inspection Service, Inc. (North Dakota), to provide official services under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation

as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the December 27, 1995, Federal Register (60 FR 66958), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Barton and North Dakota to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by January 30, 1996. Barton and North Dakota, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official inspection services in the entire areas currently assigned to them.

Since Barton and North Dakota were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on the applicants.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act; and according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Barton and North Dakota are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective July 1, 1996, and ending June 30, 1999, Barton and North Dakota are designated to provide official services in the geographic areas specified in the December 27, 1995, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Barton at 502-683-0616 and North Dakota 701-293-7420.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

Dated: May 10, 1996

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Director, Compliance Division

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Opportunity for Designation in the Aberdeen (SD) Area and the State of Missouri

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), provides that official agency designations will end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The designations of Aberdeen Grain Inspection, Inc. (Aberdeen), and the Missouri Department of Agriculture (Missouri) will end November 30, 1996, according to the Act, and GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Aberdeen and Missouri areas to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before June 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454. Telecopier (FAX) users may send applications to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

Section 7(f)(1) of the Act authorizes GIPSA's Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services. GIPSA designated Aberdeen, main office located in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Missouri, main office located in Jefferson City, Missouri, to provide official inspection services under the Act on December 1, 1993.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. The designations of Aberdeen and Missouri end on November 30, 1996.

Pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the USGSA, the following geographic area, in the States of North Dakota and South Dakota, is assigned to Aberdeen.

Bounded on the North by U.S. Route 12 east to State Route 22; State Route 22 north to the Burlington-Northern (BN) line; the Burlington-Northern (BN) line east to State Route 21; State Route 21 east to State Route 49; State Route 49 south to the North Dakota-South Dakota State line; the North Dakota-South Dakota State line east to U.S. Route 83; U.S. Route 83 north to State Route 13; State Route 13 east and north to McIntosh County; the northern